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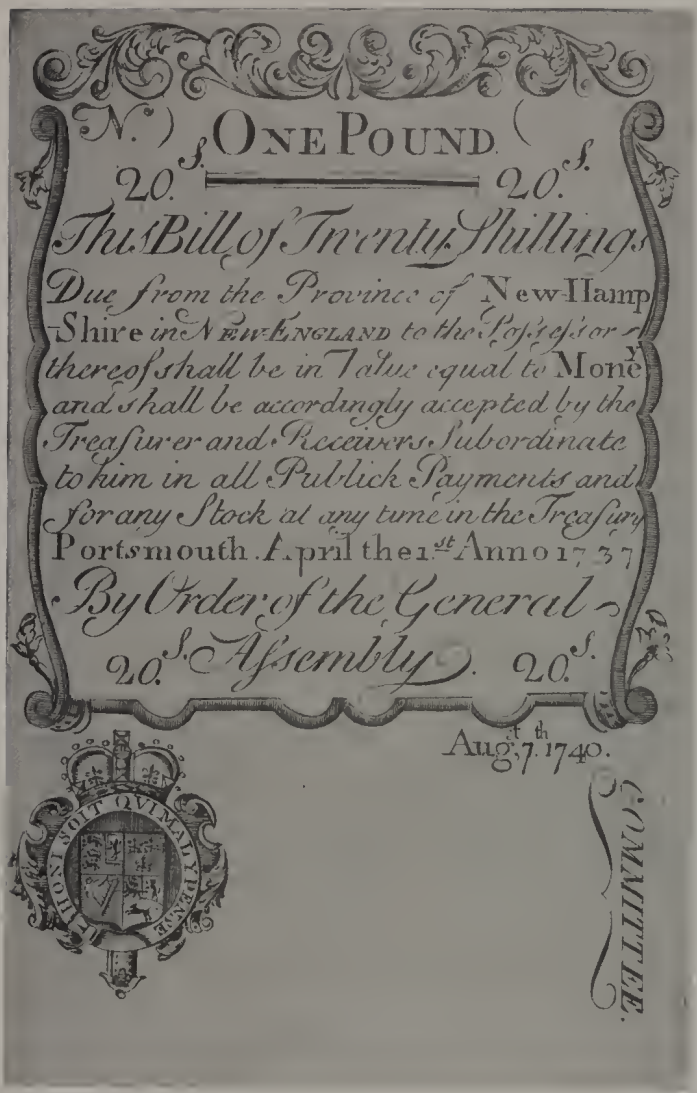
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ONE POUND
20.s
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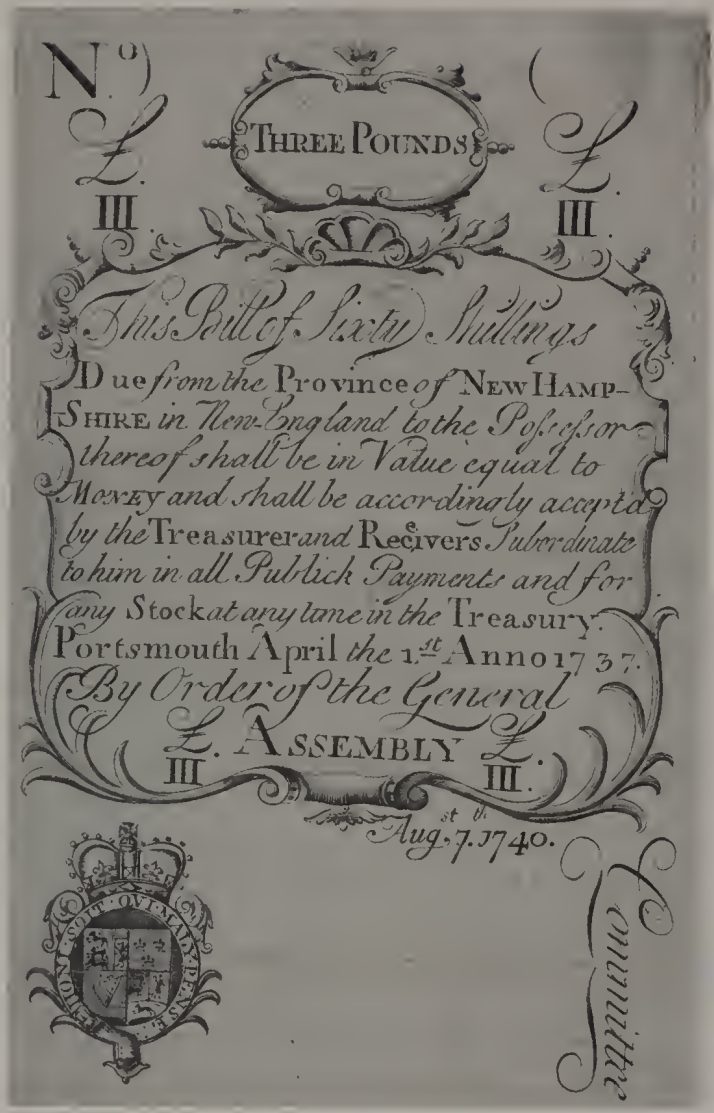
This Bill of Twenty Shillings
Due from the Province of New-Hamp-Shire in New-England to the Possessor thereof shall be in Value equal to Money and shall be accordingly accepted by the Treasurer and Receivers Subordinate to him in all Publick Payments and for any Stock at any time in the Treasury
Portsmouth April the 1st Anno 1737
By Order of the General
20.s Assembly 20.s
Aug.st 7.th 1740.
HONI SOIT QVI MAL Y PENSE
COMMITTEE.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Aug.st 7.th 1740.
HONI SOIT QVI MAL Y PENSE
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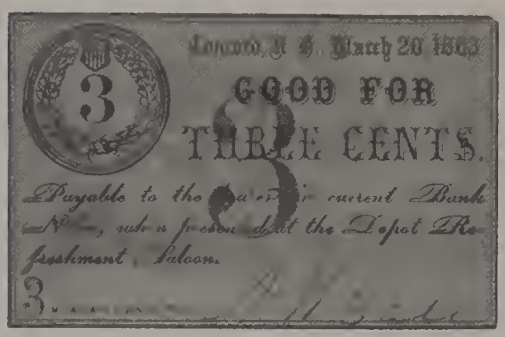
30
Shillings
Old
Tenor
1742
Seven Shillings & Six Pence.

GOOD FOR
ONE
CENT
IN GOODS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GOOD FOR
THREE CENTS.
Payable to the
current Bank
when presented at the Depot Refreshment Saloon.
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1964 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION WILL BE OUTSTANDING EVENT

Every indication points to an outstanding convention at Nashua, April 25 and 26, says chairman Donald Pickering.

The bourse committee reports 44 tables reserved. Possibly a few more can be accommodated but the present number is quite satisfactory. All New England states, New York, Maryland, South Carolina, and Canada are represented.

Exhibits chairman Frank Cookson reports some outstanding exhibits including a Coin from Every Country in the World; Panama complete; Gold and Silver Types; Presidential Medals; Columbian Exposition Medals; Small U.S. notes; Ancient China and Near East; Moneys of Thailand; etc. More may be accepted but allotted space is mostly taken. Send your entry soon to insure a chance at the fine trophies. Address 22 Wheaton Drive, Nashua, N. H.

Auction material is late coming in although quality material has been promised. It must be submitted in advance for listing to James Stiff, 19 Stark St., Nashua, N. H.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday, April 24
6:30 P.M. Security Room open
National Guard Armory, R.3, South, Nashua
Saturday, April 25
10 A.M. Open to public
Exhibits & Bourse (no satchel dealing)
3:30 P.M. Auction
P.M. Business Meeting
9 P.M. Close for night
Sunday, April 26
12 Noon Open to public
4 P.M. Exhibits released
6 P.M. Convention closes.

Complete brochure and exhibit entry forms available on request to Wayne Rich, 36 Warren St., Concord, N. H.

MEMBERS ASKED TO COOPERATE FOR N.H.N.A. DIRECTORY

Interest in a directory of N.H.N.A. members prompted development of the enclosed questionnaire. Successful accomplishment of this objective requires the cooperation of individual members. Please complete the questionnaire soon and forward to Dr. Henry J. Robbins, 97 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, N. H.

A printed directory with listing of clubs and meeting dates, with other pertinent facts, as well as individual member's interests, will involve considerable expense. A limited number of advertisements may be accepted to help defray the cost. Please indicate the extent to which you would be willing to support this project with a paid advertisement.

Your suggestions are invited as to other material which might be included in the directory. We will try to carry out your suggestions to the extent practical. May we have your wholehearted cooperation.

NEW COIN CLUB ORGANIZED

The Eastern Slope Regional Coin Club organized Feb. 3, 1964, with Norman Barnes, Center Conway, President. Meetings are second Monday of each month at N. Conway Community Center at 8 P.M.

See last bulletin for other club schedules.

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Jim Morin, LPH Inc., 19 Stark St., Manchester, N. H. has drawn up a Constitution and By-Laws for a Manchester Coin Club with dues $1 per year. Good job Jim! What are we waiting for?

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Thanks to Bill Prince for addressing this issue of NONAGON.

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SEND 1964 N.H.N.A. DUES NOW ($1.00) TO JOHN J. STATKUM, 32 VINE ST., NASHUA

NEW HAMPSHIRE NUMISMATICS

Chapter 1 - N. H. Colonial Notes (continued)

4. Issue dated Aug. 7, 1740.* (1 pound, 2 pounds, 3 pounds, and 5 pound notes exist in sheets which likewise appear to be reprints, with each sheet containing 4 notes, one of each denomination.) These notes are quite similar to the last issue, and in fact include the April 1, 1737 date, but have the Aug. 7, 1740 date below the frame in addition. They lack the fancy half inch border at the top, but enclose the denomination in a fancy oval, except on the One Pound note, where the frame has a wide scroll design at top and denomination is inside the frame. Values are given as 20 shillings, 40 shillings, 60 shillings, and 100 shillings within the frames. (One pound and three pound notes are shown inside cover.)

5. Issue dated April 3, 1742.* (Reverses of 40 shillings, 20 shillings, 10 shillings, and 7 shillings-six pence exist in sheets which appear to be reprints, with each sheet containing 4 notes, one of each denomination.) It appears that the earlier issues were now devalued to the extent that these notes were issued on the basis that one new shilling was worth four of the old shillings, since each note gives values in "Old Tenor" of four times the new denomination. Notes are smaller than last two issues, about 4 x 5 inches. The old and new values are given inside, or inside and below fancy scrollwork designs which leave a considerable portion of the note blank around the edges. The reprints show only year of date.

On genuine 10 shilling note - reverse is same as in sheets described above. Obverse has "Province of New Hampshire" mingled with fancy scrollwork at top. Below this in corners a cherub's head is on each side, with "10" below, "S" just inside these on each side, and TEN SHILLINGS in center. "This Bill of Ten Shillings due to ye possessor thereof from ye Province of New Hampshire shall be equal to one ounce ten pennyweight of coin'd silver troy weight of sterling alloy or Gold Coin at ye rate of Four Pounds Eighteen Shillings per ounce and shall be accepted in all payments and in ye treasury Portsmouth; Apr. 3, 1742 By order of the General Court or Assembly" Scrollwork border at sides curves in below above and between ends is a tree in fancy frame with Feb. 1744 at base inside frame, and 1743 below frame. At left is No. with L below and at right a space for the number in frame and L below. Below and to each side is "10 s". At bottom left is coat of arms, bottom right "Committee" vertically, with space between for signatures.

Photographs at N. H. Hist. Soc. (obtained from A.N.S. I believe) 40 shillings: "Province O F NEW Hampshire" mingled with scrollwork at top. Equalled six ounces of coined silver, otherwise wording similar to 10 shilling above. Tree at bottom does not have the 1744 date at base but has 1743 outside frame. At left of frame is NO. and space for number is at right. Below are signatures; And. Wiggin, Geo. Jaffrey, and Hen Sherburne. Another specimen unsigned on front has "Nathl Harvey" on back. Photos of back and front matched by irregular outlines. M.H.S. and A.A.S. have the 40 and 20 sh. notes. N.H.H.S. has the 10 sh. note, but 7½ sh. has not been seen. (Reprint of reverse is shown inside cover.) Four smaller denominations of this issue have been seen: 6 shillings, 2 shillings-6 pence; 1 shilling, and six pence. These, no doubt, made up a second plate. I believe the backs of these were plain.

(to be continued)

WHO WAS A. W. GALE?

Albert W. Gale was born in Haverhill, Mass., on August 23, 1827. He was 21 years old when the famous California gold excitement spread over the United States. He shipped as steward on the Leanore, a vessel which was sent out from Boston, Mass., by the New England Mining Co. to sail around Cape Horn to the California Coast with mining supplies. From letters written home, the following was taken:

"We sailed from Boston on the afternoon of February 4, 1849. Soon after she was clear of the harbor, a heavy northeast storm of wind, snow, sleet and rain was encountered, with a very rough sea which continued for several days, until the Gulf Stream was reached off the coast of Florida.

"On March 4, 1849, when near the Equator the inauguration of Zachary Taylor as President of the United States occurred at Washington, D. C. On that day it was observed aboard the vessel with appropriate ceremonies. When nearing Cape Horn the ship encountered a fierce northerly gale, which blew her many miles out of her course to the south.

"The Leanore entered the part of Talcahuana, Chile, for water and fresh provisions, which delayed her about one week. After leaving that port nothing of special interest occurred until the night of July 4, 1849 when the Golden Gate was sighted. The vessel lay in the offing until the next day, when she sailed through the Golden Gate into the Bay of San Francisco.

"After we arrived in California, this Co. like all similar cos. that went to California in that year, sold or divided the property that belonged to the Co. It was then dissolved."

After spending some time at the height of the gold fever in San Francisco and in the gold fields, Mr. Gale returned to Boston somewhat wiser and some wealthier.

In 1851 Mr. Gale married Susana Sawyer and thereafter soon moved to Concord, New Hampshire. He was prominently engaged in business for the larger part of his 49 years of residence. He was often called the "Forty Niner."

We find Mr. Gale in the restaurant business in the early 1860's at Number 7 Railroad Square, Concord, New Hampshire.

During the inflation brought on by the Civil War, people feared the total devaluation of currency and started to hoard gold and silver coins. Finally, even copper currency completely disappeared from circulation. In order to carry on business, the merchants were hard pressed to find a means of making change. Paper script was used as well as the more fragile United States postage stamps. Paper script had little or no intrinsic value as well as dubious backing. The postage stamps had intrinsic value, but were flimsy and had a short life. When die sinkers in New York and Cincinnati first conceived the idea of copper tokens to circulate as currency for one cent, they met with immediate acceptance.

The merchants were quick to seize upon the great advantage of these copper tokens as a means of advertising as well as a means of making change.

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WHO WAS A. W. GALE? (continued)

Mr. Gale, probably through connections in Boston, arranged to have 500 of the A. W. Gale tokens struck, and these were readily accepted in change. (Script and token issued by Gale are shown inside cover.)

In 1864 Mr. Gale opened a saloon in the same building as the restaurant and lived at 11 Wall St., Concord.

In 1870 he opened a fruit and confectionery store at 119½ Main St., Concord, N. H. In 1881, when Main St. became North and South Main Street, the dividing line being Pleasant St., the address of the fruit and confectionery store became 32 North Main St. He still mainted his restaurant, which became well known as "The Depot House."

Early in 1880 he purchased the house at 82 Pleasant St. where he resided until he died. He retired in 1897 and sold his interest to the Armstrong Co. In his retirement years he spent every summer at York Beach, Maine, where he became known to hundreds of the annual vacation guests.

He had one son, Florence A. Gale.

Albert W. Gale passed away August 31, 1909, 82 years and eight days old. At that time he was the oldest member of the Rumford Lodge I.O.O.F.

A few years ago, when the old Concord depot was torn down to make way for the new shopping center, in dismantling the Armstrong Lunch Room that was part of the depot, a small lot of A. W. Gale tokens was uncovered and was purchased by a local antique dealer. They have been acquired by local collectors who occasionally offer them for sale or trade.

The Guide to Civil War Store Cards and Tokens by George and Melvin Fuld published by Whitmars Publishing Co. 1962, classified the Gale token as Rarity R-5 (between 75 and 200). Of the 24 states that had merchants that issued tokens, only New Hampshire had but one type (copper) A. W. Gale, Concord, N. H.

Any Civil War collection, even one from each state, would not be complete without the Gale token from New Hampshire, and it is a complete N. H. collection by itself.

G. C. Nudd

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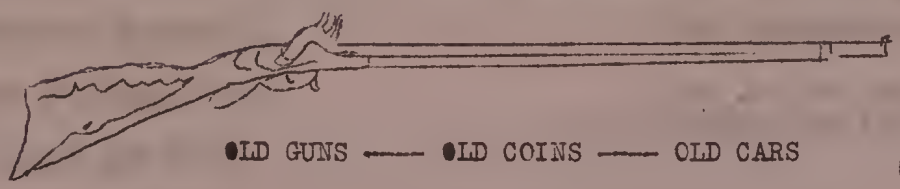

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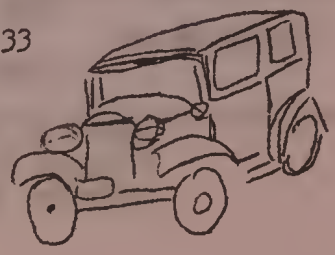
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